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PATENT APPLICATION

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) Group Art Unit: 2618

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For: METHOD FOR NEAR OPTIMAL JOINT

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CHANNEL ESTIMATION AND DATA

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DETECTION FOR COFDM SYSTEMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants request that the following amendment be entered prior to an action on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 with the following:

--This application claims the benefit of priority of Provisional Application No. 60/241,295, filed on October 19, 2000, and of Provisional Application No. 60/180,799, filed on February 7, 2000, and is related by subject matter to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/774,802 filed February 1, 2001, entitled "System for Near Optimal Joint Channel Estimation and Data Detection for COFDM Systems," by the inventors of the present application filed concurrently herewith.--